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ANNOUNCEMENT

SPRING MILLINERY OPENING

SATURDAY, MARCH 12.

Thomas Sisters.

NEW LIBRARY BOOKS

Lessons in English—Book II.
The Dreadnought Boys' World Cruise.
The Border Legion.
Oliver Twist.
The Young Salesman.
The Young Moose Hunter.
Uncle Tom's Cabin.
Puss in Boots.
Arabian Nights.
Delightful Stories of Home and Abroad.
Boy Scouts' Wood-craft Lesson.
Jack Archer.
The Golden Days of '49.
Stories of American Life.
Six Little Bunkers at Grandpa Ford's.
Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea.
Big Brother.
The English Humorist.
The Younger Set.
Fauchau the Fish.
Fair Margaret.
The Motor Boys on the Atlantic.
The Boy Aviators Treasure Quest.
The Boy Aviators in Nicaragua.
Hickory Ridge Boy Scouts.
The Flying Machine Boys on Duty.
Norman Reid.
Adventures of a Brownie.
Bad Little Hannah.
A Girl from America.
Boy Scouts with the Allies in France.
A Little Girl of Old Quebec.
Bashful Fifteen.
Five Little Peppers.
Young Franc-tireurs.
Grit, the Young Boatman.
The Camp Fire Girls at School.
The Prince and Betty.
Mother Goose.
Boy Scouts Canoe Trip.
Little Lame Prince.
The Tin Box.
Christmas Holidays at Verryvale.
Don Gordon's Shooting Box.
Cabbages and Kings.
The Rover Boys in the Jungle.
Ruth Fielding at Sunrise Farm.
The Young Acrobat.
Betty a School Girl.
Lily of Carlisle.
The Motor Girls.
Adrift in the City.
The Boy Aeronaut Club.
The Shepherd of the Hills.
The Scarlet Letter.
Laddie.
Phil, the Fiddler.
Lost in the Rockies.
Prose works of Edgar Allen Poe.
Romola.
Pioneer Boys in the Gold Fields.
Ether, the Queen.
Polly Pat's Parish.
The Crimson Conquest.
A Point of Honor.

Ruth Fielding Down in Dixie.
Twice Told Tales.
Ruth of Boston.
Over the Top.
The Out Door Chums of the Forest.
The Henty Series.
Life of Harrison.
New Chronicles of Rebecca.
Making the Last Stand for Old Glory.
The Call of the Bear Patrol.
Phil Bradley at the Wheel.
The Young Musician.
The Heiress of Groenestein.
A Runaway Brig.
David Copperfield.
Cicero's Old Age and Friendship.
Grace Harlowe's Second Year at College.
The Homestead on the Hillside.
The Motor Maids' School Days.
Base Ball Joe on the Silver Stars.
Little Miss Dee.
Dick Prescott's Fourth Year at West Point.
The Christian's Secret of a Happy Life.
The Little Brown Jug of Kildare.
Some Remarkable Women.
David Harum.
Boy Scouts before Belgrade.
The Oregon Trail.
Pocahontas.
Master of the Vineyard.
The Store Boy.
The High School Rivals.
Floating Island.
The American Red Cross Memorial.
The Young Miner.
The Iron Heel.
The War Zone.
The Lost Patrol.
The Boy Scout Pathfinders.
The South Ward.
The Young Oarsman of Lakeview.
Frank of the Prairie.
Mary of Plymouth.
Boy Scouts Signal Sender.
Keith of the Border.
Motorcycle Chums.
The Man from Brodneys.
Gunner Dewey.
With Olive in India.
St. Nicholas Series.
The Hunted Woman.
Leo, the Circus Boy.
The Red Cross Girls in the British Trenches.
Then I'll Come Back to You.
An Interrupted Wig-Wag.
In the Battle for New York.
Ralph Raymond's Heir.
The Moving Picture Girls at Rocky Ranch.
By Pike and Dyke.
The Speedwell Boys.
Base Ball Joe at Yale.
Young Aeroplane Scouts in the War Zone.
At the Defense of Pittsburg.
Emma Lou's Road to Grace.

NOT SUCH A BAD WORLD AFTER ALL



The King of the Golden River.
The Bird Boys.
A World of Girls.
Under Drake's Flag.
Picturesque Asia and Africa.
The Re-Creation of Brian Kent.
The House of Mirth.
Girl of the Half Way House.
The Lewis and His Lamp.
Hickory Ridge Boy Scouts Storm-bound.

Hickory Ridge Boy Scouts Path-finder.
Andy Grant's Pluck.
A Man Without a Country.
The Light that Failed.
Marion and Dorothy.
Young Voyagers.
Helen's Babies.
True to the Old Flag.
The Telegraph Boy.
Boy Scouts on the Yukon.
Among Malay Pirates.
A Strange Disappearance.
The Hoosier Volunteer.
Facing the German foe.
Vanity Fair.
The Young Musician.
Tom Slade.
Bound to Rise.
Desert Gold.
Polly, a New Fashioned Girl.
The Skipper.
The Gorilla Hunters.
Sabb's Birthday.
Shetland Ponies.
Golden Rock.
Girl of the People.
Out of Fashion.
Adam Bede.
Prince of the House of David.
Little Book of Cheer.
The Florence Stories.
Camp-fire Girls at Long Lake.
Japanese Fairy Tales.
A Girl of Today.
Stories for the Chimney Corner.
Robinson Crusoe.
Castle Craney Crowe.
The Fight for the Valley.
Dora Deane.
Two American Boys with Pershing.
Try Again.
Mrs. Red Pepper.
A Puritan Wife.
The Boy Scout Signal.
Anderson's Fairy Tales.
The Trail of the Lonesome Pine.
Hesper.
Little Golden Hood and others.
The Main Chance.
The Heart Line.
The Barrier.
The Bailiff's Maid.
The Tempest.
Little Miss Dorothy.
One of the 28th.
The Catholic Encyclopedia.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

March 4—Ernest L. Mason, of Memphis, Tenn., and Rebecca Brieme, of Flat River.
March 5—Herman T. Williams and Mrs. Emma C. Adams, both of Flat River.
March 5—James E. Page and Margaret Kutzera, both of Madison, Ill.
March 8—Elmer Underwood, of Fredericktown, and Hazel C. Barton, of Esther.
March 9—Roscoe R. Blackwell, of DeSoto, and Ruth N. Maddern, of Bonne Terre.
March 10—Dennis McGuire, of Elvins, and Edith Shinn, of Route 3, Farmington.

NEED OF LIME IS GENERAL

One of the most striking conditions noted during the progress of the Missouri soil survey, according to Wm. DeYoung of the Missouri College of Agriculture, is the number of acid soils in the state. Even some of the most fertile soils show a decided need of lime to correct the acidity. Many of these soils, fortunately, are not yet too acid to grow clover. Soils of the highest fertility tend to offset the acid conditions and still produce good crops, but acid soils that are also low in fertility offer scant encouragement to clover and the resultant soil improvement. Besides aiding in the starting and growing of legumes, lime has been found beneficial to later crops in the rotation. There is evident necessity for the more general use of agricultural lime in improving the soils of the State.

Protect Forest Shade Trees

The first impression of the stranger within our gates almost invariably is the beauty of our trees, chief among which are the forest shade trees. The rugged oak, called "the aristocrat of the forest," that shades your premises, has perhaps stood the storms of centuries, and the elm and the ash were here long before the site of Farmington was laid or a home erected. "Houses are built by fools like you and me, but God only can make a tree."

Missouri has few laws governing the preservation of trees—other states have rigid ones. Our state is behind in forestry protection because, I presume, it has had, until recently, so many thousands of acres of virgin timber land, but since the high prices of lumber and lumber products the woodman's axe has penetrated the remotest sections, taking the larger trees. Forest fires destroy the young trees, and we have no laws for the prevention of these fires.

Let us start a united campaign for the protection of our trees, and when the legislature meets two years hence we can urge the necessity of legislation for their preservation. In some places there are laws compelling every one who cuts a tree to plant one in its stead. This would help some, at least future generations would rise up and call us blessed if "He who plants a tree does half his duty." But better still, let us study well before we cut a tree.

The commercial value of a municipal shade tree is indeed small when we consider that it is our city's chief beauty asset.

Communicated.

PASSING OF A GOOD WOMAN

Mrs. Jacob Branning departed this life about 3 o'clock last Thursday afternoon, March 3rd, from her home near this city at the age of 68 years, 6 months and 17 days. Death resulted from cancer of the breast, after prolonged illness.

Deceased leaves husband, several children, many relatives and friends to mourn their loss in the final departure from this life of this splendid, noble woman, whom to know was to love.

Funeral services were held Sunday at 2 p. m., at the Catholic church, and interment was in the Catholic cemetery. The remains were followed to their final resting place by a long concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends.

AT THE CHURCHES

Christian Church
J. M. Bailey, Pastor.
Home-coming Day next Lord's Day. A message of home will be given. Come back home and enjoy the day with us. Services at the usual hours. Beginning March 21st, and continuing over March 27th, there will be services every evening at 7:30. Mr. Harris, of Illinois, will be with us as song leader. Get ready to help.

Lutheran Church
H. Hallenberg, Pastor.
Fifth Sunday in Lent.
Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.
Preaching service at 10:30 a. m.
Week-day Lenten service will be held Friday of next week at 7:45 o'clock. Subject: "Jesus on Calvary." A hearty invitation is extended to all not having a church home.

J. S. Clay reports the sale of the beautiful 5-acre tract of land in the northern suburb of Farmington, belonging to W. B. Rariden, to Geo. F. Johnson, of Flat River; price \$925. Mr. Johnson contemplates building a bungalow on the property and making his home there. Judge Clay also reports the sale of a business and dwelling house combined, located in Esther, belonging to A. J. Young, to Stephen R. Turley, for \$1200.

Charged With Murdering Child

Another unusual and case the law must take charge of and try to render justice in, was the shooting and killing at Bismarck last Friday of Leslie Parsons, the baby daughter of Parsons, by his wife, Mrs. Luetta Parsons, who had been married but about a week. The preliminary hearing was called for Monday, but when the child wife appeared in the court room and was advised with by Senator Burks, whose sympathy was doubtless touched by the woeful and childish confusion on the face of the mere slip of a girl who is thus seriously charged, preliminary examination was waived.

In talking with Prosecuting Attorney W. E. Coffey at Bismarck Saturday, the defendant stated that she was 17 or 18 years old, (she did not keep track of such things;) that she had been married about a week; that on the day of the tragedy she and her 4 step children were playing with a single barrel shot gun, which she did not know was loaded; that the baby who was killed, who was 5 or 6 years old, (the husband does not appear to know her exact age) had asked her to shoot it, and pointing the weapon in the direction of the little one, the cartridge exploded, much of the charge of shot lodging in the baby's head, about six feet away, killing it instantly.

It is another case in which it will be practically impossible to mete out stern justice, which is said to be "no respecter or persons. The defendant is apparently a mere child, with an undeveloped mind, who has been permitted to assume the solemn obligations of matrimony, for which she is evidently but poorly equipped. She claims not to know even her correct age, but, like Topsy, "just grewed." It seems that something has been overlooked—that some manner of restraint or education should have been invoked before this child ever permitted to assume the solemn marriage obligation, which fixed on her responsibilities she is apparently so little prepared to assume—then to make her defendant in a frightful tragedy, the enormity of which she perhaps does not now comprehend. Certainly there are important essentials left out of our method of education for life's responsibilities. For this anomaly who is to blame?

Is it not true that our present boasted civilization is but "half baked?"

An Appreciated Keepsake

Dr. J. A. Overton is the possessor of a unique specimen of the handicraft of Clifford Lloyd, the 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Lloyd, who recently left for their former home in Canada, after a year's residence in Farmington. This keepsake is a chain of several links, which was cut from a single piece of wood by the young artisan, and is a demonstration of infinite patience and labor on the part of the young worker, who for more than half his life has been practically an invalid from an infantile ailment, from which specialists had said there was no recovery.

After applying osteopathic treatment for some time, under Dr. Overton, the little fellow was able to overcome the disease to some extent, and is now able to get about, though his locomotion is still somewhat imperfect. But he is imbued with the idea that further improvement is in store for him; and consequently he feels profoundly grateful to Dr. Overton. The Lloyd family were delighted with Farmington as a home, but owing to the high rate of exchange of Canadian money—15 to 20 per cent—they found that to be an insufferable handicap to further residence here, and caused them to decide to return to Canada, where all of Mr. Lloyd's property is located.

ENJOYABLE ENTERTAINMENT

Miss Alma Williams entertained members of the Monday club and their husbands the last of the week at an "Advertisement" party, a prize being given for the best representation of an advertisement.

Mrs. Alma Johnson, dressed as an ear of corn, and representing Karo Corn Products, was awarded the prize. A delicious course luncheon was served, after which the guests took part in various athletic stunts, such as the hammer throw, potato race, etc. It was one of the most delightful affairs that has been given by the Monday club this season.

Meeting of Chamber of Commerce

The next meeting of the Farmington Chamber of Commerce will be held in the Masonic Temple at 7:30 o'clock next Monday evening, at which time considerable business of importance is scheduled to be disposed of, and a large attendance is earnestly desired.

Mayor Tetley is now in St. Louis to confer with officials of the Keokuk Dam corporation in regard to the chances for securing power from them to supply various industries in St. Francois county. If plans can be arranged to secure such power, then much of the material needs of this city will be provided for.

President C. H. Crane, of the St. Joe-Doe Run Lead Co., has agreed that if arrangements can be made for such power, his company will be willing to rescind their contract for furnishing power throughout the lead belt in favor of the Keokuk power. He has also stated that his company will also be glad to use such power on the electric railway from Flat River to DeLassus. This will give a volume of business that should be attractive to any power company looking for business.

It is also probable that at Monday night's meeting it will be determined to put on another big Sales Day for Farmington, along the same lines of those conducted last year, which were such a big success.

Reports from the Calf Club committees will also be given at this meeting, and enough other matters will be considered to guarantee Monday night's meeting to be both interesting and profitable.

It is your duty, as well as privilege, to be present and take part in the proceedings.

MISSOURI AND ILLINOIS R. R. WANT TO INCORPORATE

Jefferson City, Mo., March 9.—The Missouri and Illinois Railroad Company today filed an application with the State Public Service Commission, through W. Frank Carter of St. Louis, for authority to reincorporate with a capital stock of \$1,800,000. The application will be heard by the commission March 14. This line, with a mileage of 136 miles in Missouri and Illinois, expended in December, 1919, through the financial failure of John R. Walsh of Chicago, its original promoter. The line in this state is between Ste. Genevieve and Bismarck, and on the Illinois side it reaches into the coal fields of that state. It is stated in the application that \$300,000 will be required to rehabilitate the line. It is the understanding here that the St. Joseph Lead Company of St. Francois county, Mo., is behind the movement to get the property on its feet again.

DRUMMERS WARN HOTELS HIGH RATES MUST COME DOWN

The Southeast Missouri Drummers' Association is sending out circular letters to all hotels that have not reduced rates in the last few months, stating that unless "unreasonable hotel managers" lower their rates, drummers would curb their pride and stop at the cheaper hotels.

The letter calls attention to a request made in January to all hotels by the association that rates be lowered. "A number of hotels have been very fair and reduced rates from \$3 and \$3.25 to \$2.50," the letter says. "Others have been very unconcerned and have given us no reply. Compare today's prices with those of a year ago and you must admit that we are asking for nothing unfair. The drummers never objected to the raising of rates on account of the high cost of commodities used in hotels. All of you know that the readjustment of conditions is on and we all have to get back to pre-war prices."

The letter is signed by W. A. Robey, president of the association, and other officers.—Post Dispatch.

The splendid elk heads recently received by the Bank of Farmington, from John and Bryan Hopkins, are attracting considerable attention. These elk, a male and female, were killed by the Hopkins boys in the Big Wind river range of the Rocky Mountains. Both are splendid specimens, and are real ornaments, the bull weighing 900 pounds and having 6-point antlers.

The announcement of Calvin J. Ratty as a candidate for City Marshal of Farmington will be found in this issue of The Times. For the past seven years Mr. Ratty has been a citizen of this city, has a large acquaintance and many friends among our people. He has a wife and two children, has been employed in the Lang Manufacturing plant and in the mines at different periods, and his friends are strong in the belief that he is well qualified to perform acceptably and well the duties of City Marshal.

COMING!

Southeast Missouri Teachers College GLEE CLUB

PRESENTING: Mr. Tom Miles, Farmington, and Miss Violet Benson, DeSoto, soloists; and Miss Mattie Grant, Reader and Singer, with a dozen other trained voices. Don't fail to hear them.

MONARCH THEATRE

March 11, 1921—8 o'clock

[Auspices Farmington High School]

Secure tickets from pupils or Economy Shoe Store and have seat reserved at Economy Shoe Store

Admission 50 cents